

REMARKS

The Office Action dated September 28, 2004 has been received and reviewed by the applicant. Claims 1-5 are in the application. Claims 1-5 stand rejected. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 3-5 stand objected to because of informalities that were pointed out by the Examiner. The Examiner is thanked and appropriate corrections have been made. An additional amendment is made to claim 5 to more clearly point out the invention.


Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(c) as being anticipated by Foster (U.S. 6,643,386). In response, a declaration is included herewith for swearing behind Foster, U.S. 6,643,386, as a prior art reference to the present invention. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 2-5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Foster (U.S. 6,643,386) in view of Omori et al. (JP 2000-260968). In response, a declaration is included herewith for swearing behind Foster, U.S. 6,643,386, and Omori et al, JP 2000-260968, as a prior art references to the present invention. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection be withdrawn.

Should the Examiner consider that additional amendments are necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, the favor is requested of a telephone call to the undersigned counsel for the purpose of discussing such amendments.

For the reasons set forth above, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and favorable action are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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